# Daily Digest

# Senate

### Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2514–2526, and S. Res. 367–369.

#### Measures Passed:

Directing Dollars to Disaster Relief Act: Senate passed S. 2109, to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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McConnell (for Johnson) Amendment No. 3296, to sunset the reporting requirement after 7 years.

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Judicial Redress Act: Senate passed H.R. 1428, to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states, after agreeing to the committee amendment.

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Career and Technical Education Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 367, supporting the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education Month.

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*Digital Learning Day:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 369, affirming the importance of student data privacy and recognizing Digital Learning Day.

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#### **Conference Reports:**

Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 644, to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report to accompany the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, February 11, 2016. Page S730 Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2017; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on the Budget; and Appropriations. (PM–41)

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive reports of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation (Treaty Doc. 112–1) (Ex. Rept. 114–1);

Report to accompany The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain (Treaty Doc. 113–4) (Ex. Rept. 114–2);

Report to accompany Convention on Taxes with the Republic of Poland (Treaty Doc. 113–5) (Ex. Rept. 114–3);

Report to accompany Tax Convention with Chile (Treaty Doc. 112–8) (Ex. Rept. 114–4);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Japan (Treaty Doc. 114–1) (Ex. Rept. 114–5);

Report to accompany Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg (Treaty Doc. 111–8) (Ex. Rept. 114–6);

Report to accompany Tax Convention with Hungary (Treaty Doc. 111–7) (Ex. Rept. 114–7); and

Report to accompany Protocol Amending the Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters (Treaty Doc. 112–5) (Ex. Rept. 114–8).

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 90 yeas (Vote No. EX. 19), Scot Alan Marciel, of California, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma.

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages \$737-39

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S744

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$758.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### WORLDWIDE THREATS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence; and Lieutenant General Vincent R. Stewart, USMC, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

## DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense nuclear acquisition programs and the nuclear doctrine in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Robert M. Scher, Assistant Secretary for Strategy, Plans and Capabilities, Arthur T. Hopkins, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, Vice Admiral Terry J. Benedict, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, and General Robin Rand, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, all of the Department of Defense.

## STATE MANAGEMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Sub-committee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal interactions with state management of fish and wildlife, after receiving testimony from Ron Regan, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and Doug Vincent-Lang, Safari Club International, both of Washington, D.C.; and Donald James Barry, Defenders of Wildlife, Anchorage, Alaska.

#### THE WAY FORWARD IN SYRIA AND IRAQ

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing on the way forward in Syria and Iraq

from Brett McGurk, Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Department of State.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

- S. 2030, to allow the sponsor of an application for the approval of a targeted drug to rely upon data and information with respect to such sponsor's previously approved targeted drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 1622, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to devices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 2014, to demonstrate a commitment to our Nation's scientists by increasing opportunities for the development of our next generation of researchers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:
- S. 800, to improve, coordinate, and enhance rehabilitation research at the National Institutes of Health, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 849, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for systematic data collection and analysis and epidemiological research regarding Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, and other neurological diseases, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
- S. 2503, to establish requirements for reusable medical devices relating to cleaning instructions and validation data, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and
- S. 2511, to improve Federal requirements relating to the development and use of electronic health records technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

#### WORLDWIDE THREATS TO AMERICA

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine worldwide threats to America and its allies, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Jr., Director of National Intelligence; John Brennan, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Lieutenant General Vincent R. Stewart, USMC, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Admiral Michael Rogers, USN, Director, National Security Agency, both of the Department of Defense; and James Comey, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.